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Lava Beds National Monument Invites You to the Fifth Annual Junior Ranger Day on Saturday, August 11, 2012

TULELAKE, California— Park Rangers invite local and visiting children to become Lava Beds National Monument Junior Rangers on Saturday, August 11, 2012. Bring the family for a special day of activities especially designed for the curious mind.

The goal of the Junior Ranger program is to introduce children to the natural wonders all around them and their role in preserving these wonders for the future. As they learn about Lava Beds National Monument and have fun, Junior Rangers become stewardship representatives to their friends, families, and schoolmates back home. Junior Rangers spread their new knowledge about parks and continue to use good environmental practices.

The Junior Ranger's quest to learn about the culture and wildlife of Lava Beds National Monument begins at the visitor center. Choose your own adventure from 11 AM to 4 PM. Kids can: create a replica arrowhead and petroglyph pendant, learn about bat wonders, birds, animal adaptations and geology, create a shell necklace as those incarcerated at the Tule Lake Segregation Center did, or discover the amazing world of insects with a Ranger. Visit five of eight activity stations and earn a junior ranger patch.

The event will conclude at the campground amphitheater with Storytelling from 7 PM to 8 PM. New Junior Rangers will be honored with a recognition ceremony during the evening program.

For those unable to attend this special day, the Junior Ranger Program is available throughout the year as an interactive booklet (available at the visitor center) that guides children through various activities designed to enhance their experience at Lava Beds National Monument.

Learn. Explore. Protect. Become a Junior Ranger!

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8100, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe.

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